

**STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Agenda Consideration**

**TOPIC:** SOL Remediation Recovery  
Update

**ITEM NO:** 4H

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**MEETING:** November 15, 2005  
**ACTION DATE:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:** (For Info Only)

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**KEY POINTS:**

- The Virginia Board of Education approved revised SOL Remediation Recovery guidelines at its October 26, 2005 meeting.
- History/Context:
  - In past years, the Virginia Standards of Accreditation have supported a “SOL Remediation Recovery” program.
  - Under the previous Remediation Recovery guidelines, schools were permitted to create voluntary Remediation Recovery programs to assist students in grades 4, 6, and 9, who had failed a SOL test in English (Reading/Literature/Research) or Mathematics during grades 3, 5, or 8, respectively.
  - Students who participated in a Remediation Recovery program during grades 4, 6, and 9 were then permitted to retake the SOL tests that they had failed the previous year.
  - Schools that conducted Remediation Recovery programs were awarded “bonus points” for students who passed the SOL tests that they had failed the previous year.
  - These bonus points rewarded schools in their overall Mathematics and English passing rates for the purpose of state accreditation. However, schools were not penalized when participating Remediation Recovery students did not pass the SOL tests that they had failed the previous year.
- The revised guidelines require that students in grades 4 and 6 who are participating in SOL Remediation Recovery take only the SOL tests for grades 4 and 6, respectively, instead of taking the grade 3 or 5 SOL tests that they had failed the previous year.
- Because the No Child Left Behind Act requires all students in grades 4 and 6 to participate in grade-level SOL tests in Reading and Mathematics, these revised guidelines will eliminate the “double testing” of students participating in Remediation Recovery programs.
- Students in grade 9 who are participating in SOL Remediation Recovery will continue

to take the SOL tests for grade 8 as in previous years.

- Significant changes to the calculation of SOL Remediation Recovery “bonus points” may have a substantial impact on school SOL test passing rates in English and Mathematics, especially at the elementary and middle school levels.
- These changes impact SOL pass rate calculations for Virginia accreditation purposes only. Adequate Yearly Progress calculations do not include SOL Remediation Recovery data.
- Guidelines are only in effect for the 2005-06 school year and will be revised again as part of the overall Virginia Standards of Accreditation (SOA) revisions.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:**

GOAL #1: Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for all students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

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